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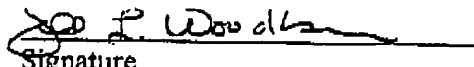
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This application is a 371 of PCT/EP04/05924 06/02/2004

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Title

Integrated test element ~~for a one-time drawing and analyzing of a sample to be analyzed~~

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		Filing Date	December 2, 2005	
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INTEGRATED TEST ELEMENT

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

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INTEGRATED TEST ELEMENT**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

[0001] The present application claims priority to PCT Application No. PCT/EP2004/005924 filed June 2, 2004 and German Patent Application No. 103 25 699.7, filed June 6, 2003.

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0002] The invention relates to the field of integrated test elements which have a lancing instrument which can be firstly used to make a wound in a skin opening in order to collect a sample, such as for example, blood. The blood flowing out is subsequently taken up by the test element in the process of which it comes into contact with a reagent contained in the test element resulting in an optically detectable change in a test field. The change in the test field is detected by an analytical unit which enables the determination of an analyte present in the blood.

BACKGROUND

[0003] In the medical field blood comes primarily into consideration as a sample. In the following reference is made to blood analysis as an example without limiting the generality.

[0004] A particularly important field of application in blood analysis is monitoring the blood sugar level of diabetics which is frequently used especially in the analytical field of blood sugar self-monitoring (home monitoring).